# ADVICE TO
# SERVANTS.
## Of Every DENOMINATION.

A GOOD CHARACTER is valuable to every one, but eſpecially to Servants, for it is their Bread; and without it they cannot be admitted into a creditable Family; and happy it is, that the beſt of Characters is in every one's power to deſerve.

II. Engage yourſelf cautiouſly, but ſtay long in your Place; for long ſervice ſhews worth, as quitting a good Place thro' paſſion is a folly, which is always repented of too late.

III. Never undertake any Place you are not qualified for; for pretending to do what you do not underſtand, expoſes yourſelf, and what is ſtill worse, deceives thoſe whom you ſerve.

IV. Preſerve your fidelity; for a faithful Servant is a Jewel, for whom no Encouragement can be too great.

V. Adhere to the truth; for falſhood is deteſtable; and he that tells one lie, muſt tell twenty more to conceal it.

VI. Be ſtrictly honeſt; for it is ſhameful to be thought unworthy of truſt.

VII. Be modeſt in your behaviour; it becomes your ſtation, and is pleaſing to your ſuperiors.

VIII. Avoid pert anſwers; for civil language is cheap, and impertinance provoking.

IX. Be clean in your Buſineſs; for ſlovens and ſluts are disrespectful Servants.

X. Never tell the affairs of the family you belong to; for that is a ſort of treachery, and often makes miſchief: but keep their ſecrets, and have none of your own.

XI. Live friendly with your fellow-Servants; for the contrary deſtroys the peace of the houſe.

XII. Above all things avoid drunkenneſs; for it is an inlet to Vice, the ruin of your Character, and deſtruction of your Conſtitution.

XIII. Prefer a peacable life with moderate gains, to great advantages with irregularity.

XIV. Save your money; for that will be a friend to you in old age; be not expenſive in dreſs, nor marry too ſoon.

XV. Be careful of your Maſter's property; for waſtefulneſs is a ſin.

XVI. Never ſwear; for that is a crime without excuſe, as there is no pleaſure in it.

XVII. Be always ready to aſſiſt a Fellow-ſervant; for goodnature gains the love of every one.

XVIII. Never ſtay when ſent on a meſſage; for waiting long is painful to a Maſter, and quick return ſhews dilligence.

XIX. Riſe early, for it is difficult to recover loſt time.

XX. The Servant that often changes his place, works only to be poor; for the rolling-ſtone gathers no moſs.

XXI. Be not fond of increaſing your acquaintance; for viſiting leads you out of your buſineſs, robs your maſter of your time and often puts you to an expence you cannot afford: and above all things, take care with whom you are acquainted, for perſons are generally the better or the worſe for the company they keep.

XXII. When out of place be cautious where you lodge; for living in a diſreputable houſe puts you upon a footing with thoſe that keep it, however innocent you are yourſelf.

XXIII. Never go out on your buſineſs without the knowledge of the family, leaſt in your abſence you ſhould be wanted, leave is light, and returning punctually at the time you promiſe, ſhews obedience and is a proof of ſobriety.

XXIV. If you are diſſatisfied in your place, mention your objections modeſtly to your Maſter or Miſtreſs, and give a fair warning, and don't neglect your buſineſs, or behave ill in order to provoke them to turn you away, for this will be a blemiſh in your Character, which you muſt always have from the laſt place you ſerved.

XXV. Never be what they call an *Eye-ſervant*, to appear diligent in ſight, and found neglectful when out of it, ſhows you both deceitful and lazy; and will cauſe you to be watched and followed in every thing you do.

XXVI. Be careful always of Children that are committed to your charge; to uſe them with any harſhneſs, or omit giving them food, or any other neceſſary attendance, is a barbarity which nothing can excuſe.

XXVII. Never ſpeak againſt your Maſter or Miſtreſs, nor ever liſten to any idle ſtories to their prejudice; but always vindicate their reputation from any open aſperſions, or malicious inſinuations; magnify their virtues, and their failings ſmother as much as poſſible. This when known will endear you to them, and gain you the eſteem of others.

XXVIII. If any be ſick in the family, viſit, attend, and comfort them all you can, wether you are ordered to do ſo or not. You have a ſuperior authority for this act of compaſſion, it is a duty enjoined by GOD, and owing to humanity.

XXIX. Accuſtom yourselves to an early Induſtry in Buſineſs, and a wiſe reflection upon human Life. Beware of Idleneſs, and the pernicious Influence of bad Habits. Poſſeſs yourſelves of juſt and elevated notions of the divine Character and Adminiſtration and of the End and Dignity of your own immortal Nature.

CONCLUTION. Having thus run through, in as brief a manner as I could, the ſeveral obligations you lie under to thoſe you ſerve and to yourſelves, I ſhall only add that whoever pays a due regard to the above precepts, will be happy in themſelves, and be ſure of the aſſiſtance of thoſe they ſerve. An old tried Servant is looked upon as a relation, is treated with little leſs reſpect, and perhaps a more hearty welcome: and further, will never want Friends.

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